

PARK BOARD MEETING FOR THE CITY OF WAITE PARK

The Waite Park - Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Waite Park City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schmitt.

Park Board Members Present: Ken Schmitt, John Bowden, Janice Rein, Wayne Lenzmeier

Park Board Members Absent: Jeanne Lodermeier

Others Present: Bill Schluenz, Public Works Director

Approval of the Agenda: **Member Lenzmeier made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Rein and passed unanimously by those present.**

Approval of the Minutes: **Member Lenzmeier made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Member Schmitt and passed unanimously by those present.**

Grants

Member Bowden reported that his biggest grant this year was for the Fitness Court which he reports having seen being used.

Amp

Director Schluenz showed pictures of the work being done at the Amp site. A boat ramp has been constructed for a path to water's edge. It will be needed to clear off the graffiti on the big quarry when the water freezes. Another picture taken by a drone shows that the small quarry is perfectly heart shaped.

Member Bowden asked about the costs. So far, the costs are less than estimates as there have been several donations made such as Martin Marietta donating fill and Rock on Trucking will haul materials to the site for just the cost of fuel (\$37,000.) a huge savings. The Council awarded a contract for \$1.18M which was under the estimate.

Two trails are cut with each having a beautiful overlook into the quarry. Martin Marietta will provide crushed granite on the trails, which will be handicap accessible. Fencing is now secured. So far, savings are at least 6 figures, close to 7.

Director Schluenz hopes to have the site work finished and utilities in by Thanksgiving. A 3-day workshop is scheduled for operations, contracts and bookings. Staff is moving forward on the paperwork for the bonding.

Fitness Court

Director Schluenz reported that the Launch Party was lots of fun with prizes, etc.

River's Edge

Director Schluenz reported that they are busy preparing the grade and installing the irrigation for the new ball diamonds at this time.

River's Edge Maintenance Building – Restrooms

Bid by Custom Builders is at a good price. The engineer redesigned the original plan saving \$30,000. by placing the storage area on the end, not overhead. Plans are to do the ground work before freeze up. This building will be northwest of the Pickle Ball Courts.

13th Avenue Restrooms

These are being built at the same time as the River's Edge restrooms. Plans include electric time locks which will be \$5000.00 per building (River's Edge and Community Park Buildings).

Disc Golf

Director Schluenz reported that the new course is being prepared and holes being dug - thanks to the Spass Tag/Family Fun Festival for their cash donation. The scouts will have signage ready before the next Spass Tag/Family Fun Festival.

Brush is also being cleared for the trails by the river.

Park Updates

The Lion's Park basketball courts are to be closed later this month. A restroom is needed for this park.

Budget

Director Schluenz noted that the netting for the ball fields needs replacement. We need to expand capital planning for major upgrades such as River's Edge Park, a greenhouse, etc. The steps for the Rock Garden on the Healthy Living Trail may need to be contracted out.

Other Business

Landscaping needs to be repaired and more work done to repair the vandalism at the LW Bridge. The conduit and lights have been removed. The St Cloud and Waite Park Police Dept. are aware, and cameras have been installed. The Trail is being used heavily.

The remainder of the Trail will be done next year, widening the existing sidewalk and moving trees inward from the bridge to the entrance to River's Edge Park. This is financed by a Legacy Grant written by Member Bowden and must be used by June 2019.

Shaunna has written a grant for a bike repair station to be sited on a 20' x 30' area near the LW Bridge. Signage for the Trail will be in that area as well.

Member Bowden is looking for a grant up to \$150,000 to bring the Glacier Lakes Trail along 15th Avenue to connect with the Lake Wobegon Trail at 3rd Street and 10th Avenue.

Next Meeting: Feb. 6, 2019

Member Lenzmeier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. The motion was seconded by Member Bowden and passed unanimously.

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